

RESOLUTION NO. 84-25

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE POLICY OF THE CITY COUNCIL

RECITALS:

The 2026 session of the Colorado General Assembly will convene on January 14, 2026; the General Assembly considers and acts on a wide array of issues, many of which have or may have a direct and/or indirect effect on the City, its operations and the services delivered to the community.

With this Resolution, the City Council sets, adopts, and determines its priorities regarding anticipated State legislative matters and outlines the issues in which the City is interested and may become involved in. Furthermore, the City Council establishes a procedure for participation in those matters; participation which may include, but not be limited to, writing letters, making calls, testifying, or otherwise appropriately expressing the City's position relative to any hearing, bill, or other matter before the General Assembly.

The City has a long and strong relationship with the Colorado Municipal League (CML) and 2026 is expected to be no different. The 2025-2026 CML Policy Statement is attached and incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth. While CML has an excellent perspective on what is important to municipalities, it represents 271 municipalities, many of which are on the Front Range and may have a different perspective on legislative/policy needs than others.

While there have been few instances over many years when CML's position is divergent from Grand Junction's, the City Council continues to rely on City staff and a designated member of the Council to monitor legislative and policy action during the General Assembly sessions. The 2025 session is no exception.

The City Council shall select a member of Council to act as the legislative liaison annually. The Assistant to the City Manager Johnny McFarland is the designated staff member for the 2026 session. In addition to Mr. McFarland, the other professional City staff will be providing their expertise to evaluate actions proposed by, coming to or pending before the General Assembly in 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL THAT the City does hereby adopt the attached Legislative Policy and by and with this Resolution the City Council expresses its general concurrence and support for the CML 2025-2026 Policy Statement as guidance for the 2026 legislative sessions; and,

FURTHERMORE, be it resolved that the City Council does authorize and direct the Council legislative liaison, with the assistance of City staff, to work with CML in support of the policy agenda as the same is reflected in bills, resolutions, and measures before the Colorado General Assembly during the 2026 legislative session(s).

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL



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President of the City Council

ATTEST:



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City Clerk

